

## Application for Ethical Approval of Research Involving Human Participants

This application form must be completed for any research involving human participants conducted in or by the University. 'Human participants' are defined as including living human beings, human beings who have recently died (cadavers, human remains and body parts), embryos and fetuses, human tissue and bodily fluids, and human data and records (such as, but not restricted to medical, genetic, financial, personnel, criminal or administrative records and test results including scholastic achievements). Research must not commence until written approval has been received (from departmental Director of Research/Ethics Officer, Faculty Ethics Sub-Committee (ESC) or the University's Ethics Committee). This should be borne in mind when setting a start date for the project. Ethical approval cannot be granted retrospectively and failure to obtain ethical approval prior to data collection will mean that these data cannot be used.

Applications must be made on this form, and submitted electronically, to your departmental Director of Research/Ethics Officer. A signed copy of the form should also be submitted. Applications will be assessed by the Director of Research/Ethics Officer in the first instance, and may then passed to the ESC, and then to the University's Ethics Committee. A copy of your research proposal and any necessary supporting documentation (e.g. consent form, recruiting materials, etc) should also be attached to this form.

A full copy of the signed application will be retained by the department/school for 6 years following completion of the project. The signed application form cover sheet (two pages) will be sent to the Research Governance and Planning Manager in the REO as Secretary of the University's Ethics Committee.

1. Title of project:  
**Rational Inattention in Online Dating**

2. The title of your project will be published in the minutes of the University Ethics Committee. If you object, then a reference number will be used in place of the title.  
Do you object to the title of your project being published? Yes ☐ / No ☒

3. This Project is: ☒ Staff Research Project ☐ Student Project

4. Principal Investigator(s) (students should also include the name of their supervisor):

Name:	Department:
<b>Dr. Josue Ortega</b>	<b>Economics</b>

5. **Proposed start date:** **April 1, 2018**

6. **Probable duration:** **3 months**

7. Will this project be externally funded? Yes ☐ / No ☒  
If Yes,


8. What is the source of the funding?

9. If external approval for this research has been given, then only this cover sheet needs to be submitted
- External ethics approval obtained (attach evidence of approval) Yes ☐/ No ☐

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**Declaration of Principal Investigator:**

The information contained in this application, including any accompanying information, is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct. I/we have read the University's *Guidelines for Ethical Approval of Research Involving Human Participants* and accept responsibility for the conduct of the procedures set out in this application in accordance with the guidelines, the University's *Statement on Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice* and any other conditions laid down by the University's Ethics Committee. I/we have attempted to identify all risks related to the research that may arise in conducting this research and acknowledge my/our obligations and the rights of the participants.

Signature(s): 

Name(s) in block capitals: JOSUE ORTEGA

Date: First submitted: August 9, 2017. This resubmission: February 16, 2018

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**Outcome:**

The departmental Director of Research (DoR) / Ethics Officer (EO) has reviewed this project and considers the methodological/technical aspects of the proposal to be appropriate to the tasks proposed. The DoR / EO considers that the investigator(s) has/have the necessary qualifications, experience and facilities to conduct the research set out in this application, and to deal with any emergencies and contingencies that may arise.

This application falls under Annex B and is approved on behalf of the ESC ☐

This application is referred to the ESC because it does not fall under Annex B X

This application is referred to the ESC because it requires independent scrutiny ☐

Signature(s): .....  .....

Name(s) in block capitals: ..... ..Friederike Mengel.....

Department: ...Economics...

Date: 19/01/2018

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The application has been approved by the ESC ☒

The application has not been approved by the ESC ☐

The application is referred to the University Ethics Committee ☐

Signature(s):  .....

Name(s) in block capitals: DANIELLE TUCKER.....

Faculty SOCIAL SCIENCE.....

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.....